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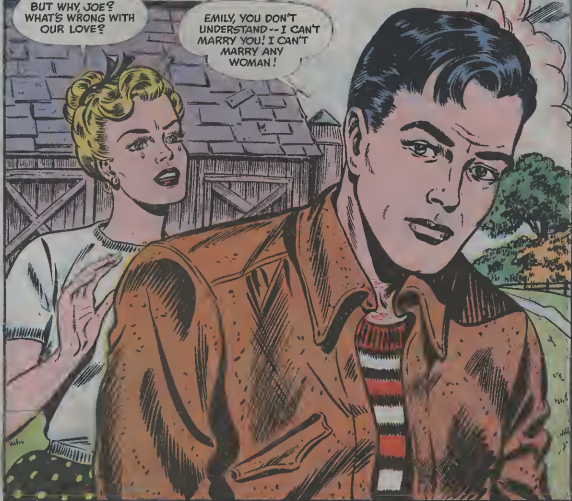
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OUR LOVE WAS A CONSTANT TORMENT! FOR, THOUGH WE WANTED AND NEEDED EACH OTHER, WE COULD NOT FIND HAPPINESS TOGETHER! THERE WAS SOMETHING IN MY MAN'S PAST THAT BLOCKED MY LOVE AND TORTURED HIS SOUL! WHAT IT WAS I DID NOT KNOW!-- ONLY ONE THOUGHT FILLED MY EVERY MOMENT... THAT I HAD WAITED FOR A LONG TIME FOR THE RIGHT MAN TO COME ALONG, AND NOW THAT HE HAD, HE WAS...

Not Free To Marry

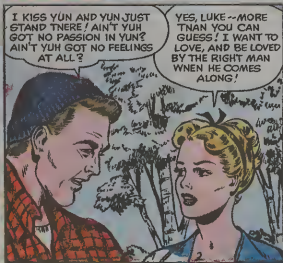
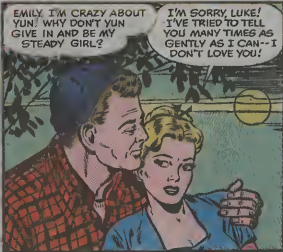
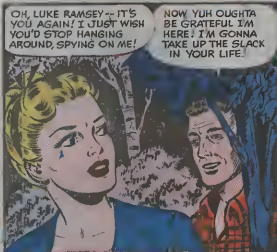
BUT WHY, JOE?
WHAT'S WRONG WITH
OUR LOVE?

EMILY, YOU DON'T
UNDERSTAND-- I CAN'T
MARRY YOU! I CAN'T
MARRY ANY
WOMAN!

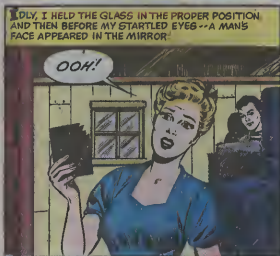


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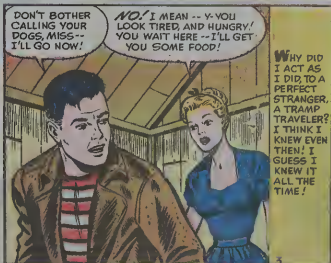
I WAS BORED!
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WITH THE
ENDLESS DULL
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WHEN WE'D
DONE OUR
FARM CHORES
AND JUST SAT
AROUND!
MOM AND
DAD WERE
CONTENT--
THEY HAD
EACH OTHER!
BUT I, I
WAS LONELY!



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FOR A CRAZY INSTANT I THOUGHT I MUST BE DREAMING, THEN A SLIGHT SOUND BEHIND ME BROUGHT ME BACK TO REALITY! I TURNED AROUND QUICKLY...



LATER, I WATCHED HIM WOLF DOWN SOME FOOD. HIS BROODING EYES INTENSE, WARY...

DON'T EAT SO FAST! THE WAY YOU LOOK ANYONE WOULD THINK YOU WERE RUNNING AWAY FROM SOMETHING!



WHAT'D YOU MEAN BY THAT CRACK, HUH?

NOTHING! PLEASE-- YOU'RE HURTING MY ARM!



OH, I'M SORRY! I-- I GUESS I'M KIND OF SENSITIVE ABOUT NOT BEING ABLE TO FIND WORK!

DAD'S BEEN TALKING ABOUT HIRING AN EXTRA FARM HAND! WHY DON'T YOU STAY ON HERE?



MAYBE HE SAW THE LONELINESS IN MY EYES-- MAYBE HE SAW OTHER THINGS IN THEM, BECAUSE SUDDENLY THE FIERCENESS FLEW FROM HIS FACE...

IF YOU WANT ME TO STAY--?

Y-YES... I DO! LET'S GO IN AND TALK TO DAD!



IF EMILY SAYS YOU'RE ALL RIGHT, THAT'S GOOD ENOUGH FOR ME! YOU'VE GOT A JOB, SON!

THANKS! IT'S NICE TO KNOW THERE ARE SOME GOOD PEOPLE LEFT AROUND!



A NICE LAD, THAT-- BUT HE LOOKS LIKE HE'S BEEN HURT DEEP INSIDE! BUT, MAYBE WE CAN HEAL HIM, EH, EMILY?

I-- I HOPE SO, DAD!



THE NEXT FEW DAYS JOE PITCHED INTO HIS WORK WITH AN INTENSITY THAT ALMOST SEEMED ABNORMAL...

HE'S WORKING HARD AT BEING A GOOD FARM HAND, DAD!

TOO HARD, EMILY! IT'S ALMOST AS IF HE'S TRYING TO SWEAT HIS TROUBLES RIGHT OUT OF HIMSELF!



DAD WAS RIGHT! AFTER A TIME HE LOST THAT BROODING LOOK, THAT TORTURED GAZE FADED FROM HIS EYES! HE SEEMED TO HAVE FOUND PEACE AT LAST!



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WONDERFUL LIKE YOU, EMILY! YOU'VE GOT A CLEAN BEAUTY THAT MAKES A MAN FEEL GOOD INSIDE JUST LOOKING AT YOU!



JOE-- JOE!

SUDDENLY, WITH A RUSH OF EMOTION HE PULLED ME TO HIM! HIS LIPS WERE WARM AND SWEET AGAINST MINE! I KNEW NOW MY TRUE LOVE HAD COME ALONG AT LAST!



I'VE NEVER FELT THIS WAY ABOUT ANOTHER WOMAN, EMILY!

I BELIEVE YOU, JOE! OH, MY DARLING, I LOVE YOU, TOO!



NO! I'VE GOT NO RIGHT TO MAKE YOU LOVE ME! I'M NOT FREE -- I'M NOT FREE!



"NOT FREE"? WHAT DID JOE MEAN? HAD I FOUND MY MAN ONLY TO LOSE HIM AGAIN?

"NOT FREE"? IS HE MARRIED TO ANOTHER WOMAN? IS THAT IT? OH, JOE, JOE-- IT CAN'T BE TRUE! OH, JOE JOE!

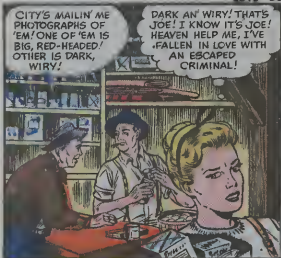


I LEARNED THE BITTER TRUTH THE NEXT DAY, IN OUR SMALL TOWN'S GENERAL STORE...

HOWDY, SHERIFF! ANYTHIN' NEW HAPPENIN'?

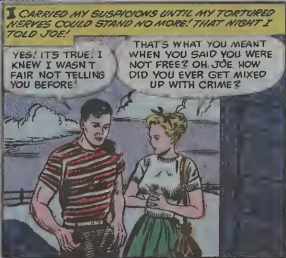
YEP! GOT WORD THAT A COUPLE OF ESCAPED CRIMINALS WAS SEEN HEADIN' OUR WAY FEW DAYS AGO! FOR ALL WE KNOW THEY MIGHT BE HIDIN' HEREABOUTS NOW!





CITY'S MAILIN' ME PHOTOGRAPHS OF 'EM! ONE OF 'EM IS BIG, RED-HEADED! OTHER IS DARK, WIRY!

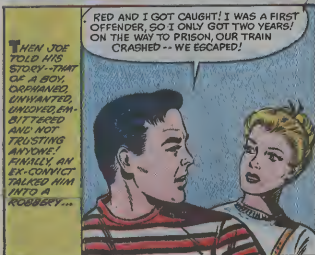
DARK AN' WIRY! THAT'S JOE! I KNOW IT'S JOE! HEAVEN HELP ME, I'VE FALLEN IN LOVE WITH AN ESCAPED CRIMINAL!



I CARRIED MY SUSPICIONS UNTIL MY TORTURED NERVES COULD STAND NO MORE! THAT NIGHT I TOLD JOE!

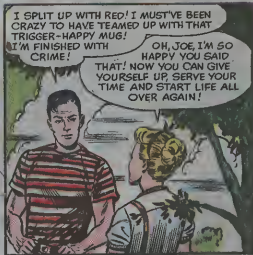
YES! IT'S TRUE! I KNEW I WASN'T FAIR NOT TELLING YOU BEFORE!

THAT'S WHAT YOU MEANT WHEN YOU SAID YOU WERE NOT FREE? OH JOE HOW DID YOU EVER GET MIXED UP WITH CRIME?



THEN JOE TOLD HIS STORY--THAT OF A BOY, ORPHANED, UNWANTED, UNLOVED, EM-BITTERED AND NOT TRUSTING ANYONE! FINALLY, AN EX-CONVICT TALKED HIM INTO A ROBBERY...

RED AND I GOT CAUGHT! I WAS A FIRST OFFENDER, SO I ONLY GOT TWO YEARS! ON THE WAY TO PRISON, OUR TRAIN CRASHED--WE ESCAPED!



I SPLIT UP WITH RED! I MUST'VE BEEN CRAZY TO HAVE TEAMED UP WITH THAT TRIGGER-HAPPY MUG! I'M FINISHED WITH CRIME!

OH, JOE, I'M SO HAPPY YOU SAID THAT! NOW YOU CAN GIVE YOURSELF UP, SERVE YOUR TIME AND START LIFE ALL OVER AGAIN!



GIVE MYSELF UP? SPEND TWO YEARS CAGED UP LIKE AN ANIMAL? NOT ME!

BUT, JOE! YOU CAN'T HIDE FROM THE POLICE FOREVER! YOU'LL ALWAYS BE ON THE RUN! WE'LL NEVER BE TOGETHER!



WOULDN'T IT BE BETTER TO SERVE YOUR TIME, AND THEN COME BACK TO THIS!

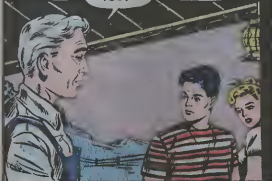


EMILY, I--I WON'T GO BACK TO JAIL! I'M GOING TO CLEAR OUT OF HERE TONIGHT!

ALL RIGHT--GO AHEAD! RUN AWAY! HIDE! YOU'VE ALWAYS RUN AWAY FROM LIFE! WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO GROW UP AND STOP FEELING SORRY FOR YOURSELF?

WE STOPPED TALKING AS FATHER SUDDENLY CAME OUT OF THE HOUSE, BUT HE MUST HAVE SEEN THE TORTURED LOOKS ON OUR FACES!

JOE, COME INTO THE HOUSE! I'D LIKE A WORD WITH YOU! EMILY, YOU BETTER COME ALONG, TOO!



YOU TWO ARE IN LOVE! DON'T TRY DENYIN' IT-- I'VE SEEN IT IN YOUR EYES FOR DAYS! BUT YOU, JOE-- YOU LOOK MIGHTY UNHAPPY! IS IT BECAUSE YOU AIN'T GOT ENOUGH MONEY TO ASK EMILY TO MARRY YOU?

DAD, PLEASE...!



I'M A PLAIN-SPOKEN MAN, SO I'LL TALK FACTS! I AIN'T GOIN TO LIVE FOREVER, AN' THE FARMS GOIN TO NEED A MAN! IF YOUVE A MIND TO MARRY EMILY THIS FARM COULD BE YOURS SOMEDAY! WHAT DO YOU SAY, LAD?

GOSH, I--I...



OH, JOE, I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE THINKING! YOU WANT TO GO AWAY, AND YET DAD'S OFFER HAS YOU ALL MIXED UP! YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO! OH, JOE, JOE, SAY THE RIGHT THING!



SUDDENLY, THE DOOR SWING'S OPEN, AND A GUN POINTED AT US!

HI, JOEY-BOY! I SPOTTED YOU OUT ON THE FIELDS BEFORE! NICE LITTLE HIDEOUT YOU GOT FOR YOURSELF!

RED!



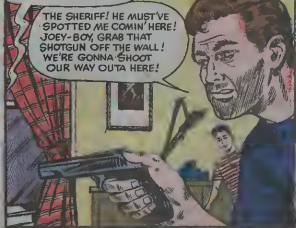
GOT THE FARMER'S DAUGHTER, TOO! DID ALL RIGHT FOR YOURSELF, JOEY!

SHUT YOUR ROTTEN MOUTH, RED!

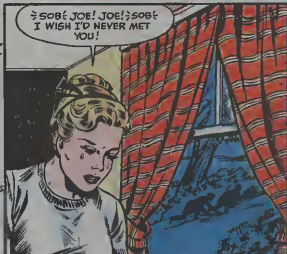
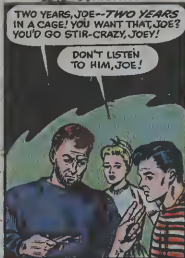
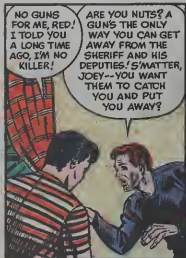


RED BENSON! I KNOW YOU'RE INSIDE! COME OUT WITH YOUR HANDS UP!

THE SHERIFF! HE MUST'VE SPOTTED ME COMIN' HERE! JOEY-BOY, GRAB THAT SHOTGUN OFF THE WALL! WE'RE GONNA SHOOT OUR WAY OUTA HERE!



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THAT HAPPENED SIX MONTHS AGO! ONLY YESTERDAY I GOT A LETTER FROM THE WARDEN, SAYING JOE WOULD BE RELEASED! SO HERE I STAND, WAITING... WAITING FOR MY MAN...



Somewhere I'll Find You

Two days before our wedding, the man I had promised to marry disappeared! I know now that it wasn't love but a wounded vanity that started off my desperate search for him! For when I found Vance Eldridge, I wished I hadn't!



MAYBE I SHOULD HAVE GUESSED VANCE'S PLANS THE NIGHT OF OUR ENGAGEMENT PARTY!!

YOU'RE SURE THIS IS WHAT YOU WANT OUT OF LIFE, PATRICIA? YOU'RE SURE WE AREN'T DOING THIS JUST BECAUSE OUR FAMILIES ARRANGED IT AND WE DON'T HAVE THE BACKBONE TO RESIST?

VANCE! YOU... ALMOST SOUND AS THOUGH YOU DIDN'T WANT TO MARRY ME!

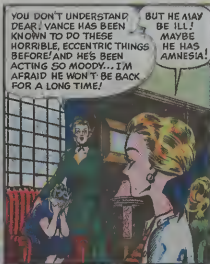
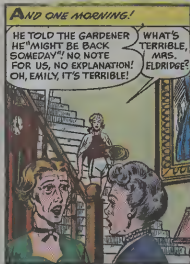
MY FAMILY NEVER BOTHERED ABOUT WHAT I WANT! I'VE GOTTEN TO A POINT WHERE I HARDLY KNOW MYSELF! I'M JUST ...MAKING SURE THAT YOU'RE GOING TO BE HAPPY MARRIED TO ME!

OF COURSE DARLING! MAYBE THIS ISN'T ONE OF THOSE EXCITING ROMANCES YOU SEE IN MOVIES, BUT... WE *DO* LOVE EACH OTHER!

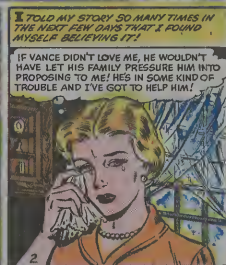
YES, I... I SUPPOSE WE DO! ANYWAY, IT'S LOGICAL FOR A ROYCE TO MARRY AN ELDRIDGE! OUR... BACKGROUNDS ARE SO SIMILAR!

VANCE SOUNDS SO BITTER AND CYNICAL! SOMETIMES I'M NOT EVEN SURE THAT HE LOVES ME OR THAT I LOVE HIM!





OUR WEDDING WAS CANCELLED AND VANCE'S PARENTS MADE A HALF-HEARTED EFFORT TO FIND HIM! BUT THEY WERE CONVINCED THAT HE HAD RUN AWAY TO AVOID MARRYING ME! AND TO SAVE FACE WITH MY SYMPATHETIC FRIENDS, I HAD TO STICK TO MY STORY!





AND SO... "BRANDY GLEASON, PRIVATE DETECTIVE! I'LL PHONE FOR AN APPOINTMENT! THAT MONEY DAD GAVE ME TO BUY FURNITURE WILL PAY THE FEES, AND AT LEAST I'LL HAVE AN EXPERT LOOKING FOR VANCE!"

I LIKED BRANDY GLEASON THE MOMENT I MET HIM! BUT AFTER I TOLD HIM MY STORY HE PRACTICALLY REFUSED TO TAKE THE CASE!

I HARDLY EVER TURN DOWN A CHANCE TO MAKE A BUCK, MISS ROYCE, BUT MY CONSCIENCE WOULD HURT ME IF I TOOK YOUR MONEY!

WHY? DON'T YOU THINK YOU CAN FIND HIM?



THAT'S NOT IT! BUT FROM WHAT YOU'VE TOLD ME, THIS GUY DOESN'T WANT TO BE FOUND! AND WHAT'S THE PERCENTAGE IN SPENDING YOUR DOUGH TO LOCATE A HEEL THAT RAN OUT ON YOU?

MR. GLEASON, I'M HIRING YOU FOR YOUR DETECTIVE ABILITY, NOT YOUR ADVICE!



A PRETTY GIRL LIKE YOU SHOULD BE BUSY DODGING SUITORS, NOT CHASING THEM! BUT IT'S YOUR MONEY! I'LL DO MY BEST!

PLEASE COUNT ON ME TO HELP! I WON'T QUIT UNTIL I KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENED TO VANCE!

FOR WEEKS AFTER THAT, BRANDY AND I WENT ON ONE WILD GOOSE CHASE AFTER ANOTHER! AND EACH DAY I GREW FOND OF HIM, SOMETIMES EVEN FORGETTING OUR PURPOSE FOR BEING TOGETHER!

IF YOU REALLY WANT TO FIND VANCE ELDREDGE, PAT, LET ME DO IT MY WAY! LET'S QUIT COVERING HOSPITALS AND START COMBING THE BARS!

OH, BRANDY, I... I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO THINK!

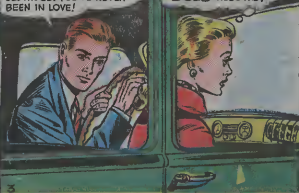


YOU'RE STILL TRYING TO CONVINCE YOUR FRIENDS THAT MR. PLAYBOY DIDN'T WALK OUT OF HIS OWN FREE WILL, EH? BUT I WONDER IF YOU BELIEVE THAT YOURSELF?

THAT'S NOT A VERY PROFESSIONAL QUESTION, IS IT BRANDY? YOU'VE NOT ANSWERED ABOUT MY PERSONAL REASONS FOR HIRING YOU!

MAYBE I'VE DEVELOPED A PERSONAL INTEREST PAT, AND IT WOULDN'T TAKE SHERLOCK HOLMES TO FIGURE OUT THAT YOU AREN'T IN LOVE WITH ELDREDGE. YOU'VE NEVER BEEN IN LOVE!

BRANDY'S RIGHT BUT I'D MAKE A FOOL OF MYSELF IF I GAVE UP NOW! AND THERE'S ALWAYS THE CHANCE THAT VANCE DOES NEED ME!



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I CAN'T BE FALLING IN LOVE WITH BRANDY! BUT THEN, WHY DO I LOOK FORWARD TO BEING WITH HIM? WHY WAS I SO UPSET WHEN HE GUESSED NOW I FEEL ABOUT VANCE?

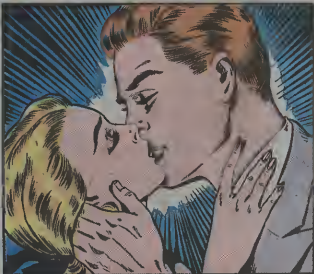
SOMEHOW, MY SEARCH FOR VANCE BECAME SECONDARY AND MY GROWING AFFECTION FOR BRANDY TOOK FIRST PLACE IN MY HEART! ONLY A FALSE SENSE OF PRIDE DROVE ME ON, IN THE FAINT HOPE THAT I COULD PROVE TO OTHERS THAT I HADN'T BEEN JILTED! AND ONE DAY...

I'M SORRY, PAT! I REFUSE TO ACCEPT ANY MORE MONEY FROM YOU! I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO PROVE, BUT ... I DON'T WANT TO FIND VANCE ELDRIDGE!

WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME THAT IN THE FIRST PLACE?

I TRIED TO, BUT I'VE GOT A BETTER REASON NOW! I WANT YOU TO FORGET HIM BECAUSE ... I'M IN LOVE WITH YOU!

BRANDY! YOU... CAN'T MEAN THAT!



NOW DO YOU BELIEVE ME? LOOK, DARLING, YOUR VANITY'S BEEN HURT, BUT THAT'S NOT IMPORTANT NOW! YOU'VE GOT SOMEONE WHO REALLY LOVES YOU!

IF ONLY I COULD BE SURE VANCE DIDN'T WANT TO MARRY ME! SOMETHING HAPPENED TO HIM! I KNOW HE COULDN'T HAVE DONE A THING LIKE THAT WITHOUT SOME REASON!



I LOVE YOU, TOO, BRANDY! BUT I'VE GOT TO KNOW THE TRUTH! I'LL NEVER BE HAPPY UNTIL I KNOW!

THEN COUNT ME OUT! IF YOU LOVED ME, YOU'D FORGET THIS CHARACTER! LOOKS LIKE YOU'D RATHER GO ON CARRYING A TORCH FOR HIM!



IF THAT'S THE WAY YOU FEEL ABOUT IT, FORGET THE CASE! YOU CAN FORGET ABOUT ME, TOO!

ANY WAY YOU WANT IT, PAT! I GUESS I KNOW WHERE I STAND WITH YOU!



AND THAT NIGHT!

OH, BRANDY WHY COULDN'T YOU UNDERSTAND? I DO LOVE YOU, BUT IF I FOUND OUT THAT VANCE NEEDED ME AND I FAILED HIM I'D NEVER FORGIVE MYSELF!

WAS IT A DISTORTED LOYALTY TO VANCE THAT KEPT ME OUT OF BRANDY'S ARMS? I DIDN'T KNOW! BUT SOME COMPELLING FORCE MADE ME CONTINUE MY FRUITLESS SEARCH!

DEAR, EVEN VANCE'S FAMILY HAS TOLD YOU HE'S ECCENTRIC! WHY WASTE YOUR TIME?

HOW DOES ANYONE KNOW WHY HE WENT AWAY? HE MIGHT SEE ONE OF MY ADS... SOMEONE MIGHT RECOGNIZE HIM!

THEN, ONE MORNING!

TELEGRAMS ALWAYS SCARE ME TO DEATH! WHO IS IT FROM, DEAR?

I DON'T KNOW! IT JUST SAYS, "LOOK FOR VANCE AT 323 BRYANT STREET, SPRINGFIELD," AND IT'S SIGNED "A FRIEND!"

SOMEBODY'S IDEA OF A JOKE PROBABLY THROW IT AWAY!

BUT IT'S THE ONLY CLUE I'VE GOTTEN! I'M GOING TO SPRINGFIELD! THAT MAY BE THE ADDRESS OF A... HOSPITAL!

I RUSHED TO THE TRAIN STATION, AND LATE THAT NIGHT EXHAUSTED BUT HOPEFUL, I DISCOVERED THAT 323 BRYANT STREET WAS NO HOSPITAL!

SURE IT'S THE GLASS BOWL LADY! WHAT DID YOU EXPECT?

I DIDN'T KNOW IT WOULD BE A BAR! ER... WAIT FOR ME, PLEASE, DRIVER!

THIS MAY BE JUST A WILD GOOSE CHASE!

MY HEART POUNDED LIKE A TRIP HAMMER AS I ASKED THE NOW-FAMILIAR QUESTION!

DO YOU KNOW ANYONE NAMED... VANCE ELDREDGE?

KNOW HIM? HE JUST ABOUT PAYS THE OVER-HEAD HERE! BACK THERE!

CUBA LIBRE FOR

VANCE!

WELL, I'LL BE, IF IT ISN'T THE GIRL I LEFT BEHIND ME! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE CHICK?

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I...I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU! YOU DON'T KNOW HOW WORRIED I'VE BEEN!

HOLY SMOKES, WASN'T RUNNING OUT ON A WEDDING ENOUGH TO GIVE YOU A HINT? I DIDN'T WANT TO BE RAILROADED, SO I SKIPPED TOWN!



AND DON'T TELL ME I BROKE YOUR HEART BECAUSE I KNOW BETTER! WE'RE BETTER OFF THIS WAY BOTH OF US!

I...I'LL ADMIT I DON'T LOVE YOU! BUT I THOUGHT...MAYBE YOU WERE IN TROUBLE! MAYBE YOU NEEDED HELP!



ALL I NEED IS LESS INTERFERENCE FROM MY FAMILY! GO BACK AND TELL THEM I'M FREE AND NAPPY FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE! AND GO FIND YOURSELF A GUY YOU WANT TO MARRY...NOT ME!

THANKS! THANKS FOR THE ADVICE! IT'S JUST A LITTLE LATE!



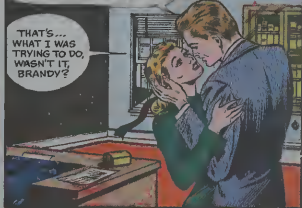
I WAS STILL SICK WITH THE HUMILIATION OF THAT SCENE WHEN I STORMED INTO BRANDY'S OFFICE THE NEXT DAY!

YOU SENT THAT WIRE, DIDN'T YOU? YOU FOUND VANCE AND COULDN'T RESIST LETTING ME MAKE A FOOL OF MYSELF!

YOU WOULDN'T LISTEN TO ME, PAT! YOU WOULDN'T HAVE GOTTEN HIM OUT OF YOUR SYSTEM OTHERWISE!

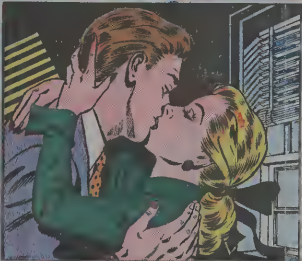


DON'T YOU SEE DARLING? BEING JILTED BY A MAN YOU NEVER LOVED ISN'T SO TERRIBLE. AND YOU DON'T HAVE TO "SAVE FACE" WITH ME PAT!



BUT WHEN I SAW VANCE YESTERDAY, I KNEW THAT HE DID THE SMART THING IN RUNNING AWAY! WE'D HAVE BEEN MISERABLE ALL OUR LIVES IF HE NADN'T!

I'LL ALWAYS BE GRATEFUL TO HIM, DEAR! HE JILTED YOU RIGHT INTO MY ARMS!

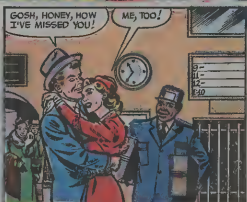


TO SUM UP MY STORY BRIEFLY, I AM A GIRL WHO PROMISED TO BE TRUE--AND FAILED! MY INFIDELITY, MY LOVE FOR ANOTHER MAN, AND THE MISERY AND HEARTACHE THAT I INFLICTED UPON MYSELF AND OTHERS WAS ALL UNINTENTIONAL! BUT I CAN BLAME NO ONE ELSE! AND THE ONLY EXCUSE I OFFER IS THAT I WAS DESPERATE IN...

My Lonely Hours



JIM WYATT AND I WERE IN LOVE! THAT'S THE REASON I CAME TO THE CITY IN THE FIRST PLACE-- TO BE NEAR HIM UNTIL WE COULD AFFORD TO BE MARRIED! I REMEMBER THE DAY I ARRIVED...



LOVE CONFESSIONS



GEE, YOU'RE PRETTIER THAN EVER, PEGGY! WAIT TILL THE GUYS IN THE OFFICE SEE MY GAL!

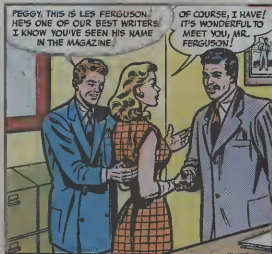
THINK THEY'LL LIKE ME?

I WAS LOST IN A WHIRL OF NEW THRILLS ALL THAT DAY! JIM HAD ARRANGED THE RENTING OF A SMALL ONE-ROOM APARTMENT FOR ME! SO I WENT THERE TO BRUSH UP A BIT AND MET HIM LATER AT THE PUBLISHING OFFICES WHERE HE EDITED COPY!



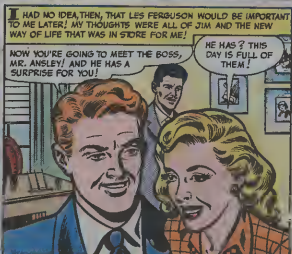
HI, HONEY! I THOUGHT YOU'D NEVER GET HERE!

WELL, NO WONDER YOU'VE BEEN BRAGGING ABOUT HER, WYATT! SHE'S OKAY!



PEGGY, THIS IS LES FERGUSON. HE'S ONE OF OUR BEST WRITERS. I KNOW YOU'VE SEEN HIS NAME IN THE MAGAZINE

OF COURSE, I HAVE! IT'S WONDERFUL TO MEET YOU, MR. FERGUSON!



I HAD NO IDEA, THEN, THAT LES FERGUSON WOULD BE IMPORTANT TO ME LATER! MY THOUGHTS WERE ALL OF JIM AND THE NEW WAY OF LIFE THAT WAS IN STORE FOR ME!

NOW YOU'RE GOING TO MEET THE BOSS, MR. ANSLEY! AND HE HAS A SURPRISE FOR YOU!

HE HAS? THIS DAY IS FULL OF THEM!



WE HAVE AN OPENING HERE FOR A JOB AS RECEPTIONIST, MISS DRAKE! IT'S YOURS IF YOU WANT IT!

OH, YES! THANK YOU SO MUCH, MR. ANSLEY!



THAT NIGHT... I'VE NEVER BEEN SO HAPPY IN MY LIFE, JIM! AND NOW THAT I HAVE A JOB, TOO, WE CAN GET MARRIED!



I'M NOT SO SURE ABOUT THAT, PEGGY! THERE'S ANOTHER PROBLEM WE HAVE TO FACE!

WHAT? WHAT COULD POSSIBLY STAND IN OUR WAY?

LOVE CONFESSIONS



THE DRAFT BOARD'S BLOWING DOWN MY NECK! SO WE'D BETTER WAIT A WHILE! BUT WE'LL TAKE OUR FUN IN THE MEANTIME, WON'T WE?

MAYBE WE'D BETTER!

OUR DAYS AND NIGHTS WERE LOADED WITH LOVE AND ECSTATIC HAPPINESS AFTER THAT! JUST ONE THING HUNG HEAVILY OVER OUR HEADS-- THE DRAFT! THEN ONE WEEKEND, ON A SHORT EXCURSION, JIM BROKE THE BAD NEWS!



PEGGY, I WANTED TO HAVE THIS DAY WITH YOU BECAUSE IT'LL BE THE LAST FOR A WHILE! YESTERDAY I JOINED THE MARINES AND I'M LEAVING YOU IN A FEW DAYS.

YOU DID WHAT? JIM, YOU MEAN--



IT'S BETTER THIS WAY! I COULDN'T STAND THE WAITING ANY LONGER!

I UNDERSTAND! SOBE NOW I'M THE ONE WHO'LL DO THE WAITING!



WAITING! WAITING! BUT WAITING IS A GRIM THING...AND IT FINALLY BEGINS TO WEAR ON THE NERVES!

I'M SICK OF WAITING! ALL I'VE DONE FOR MONTHS IS READ!



READ AND READ AND KNIT AND KNIT UNTIL MY EYES HURT DEEP INTO THEIR SOCKETS!



BUT WHAT ELSE CAN I DO? UNTIL JIM COMES HOME!



JIM, DARLING SOBE YOU'RE DOING YOUR DUTY! I'LL TRY TO DO MINE! ONLY I GET SO LONELY!

LOVE CONFESSIONS

MY LONELINESS LEFT ITS MARK! I LOST WEIGHT! I BECAME DULL AND INDIFFERENT! EVEN MR. ANSLEY NOTICED IT!

PEGGY, YOU DON'T LOOK WELL! YOU'RE WORRYING TOO MUCH ABOUT JIM! GET OUT AND ENJOY YOURSELF!



OH, HOW I WELCOMED THAT NIGHT OF BEING AWAY FROM MY SMALL APARTMENT CELL! LES TOOK ME TO DINNER ON A TERRACE UNDER THE STARS! WE ATE AND THEN...

THE MUSIC'S GOOD! LIKE TO DANCE?

I LOVE IT! AND IT'S BEEN SO LONG!



I'LL SAY YOU SHOULD! YOU'RE GOING OUT WITH ME TONIGHT!

BUT, LES---



NO ARGUMENTS! A LITTLE FUN WON'T HURT YOU! YOU'VE TURNED ME DOWN BEFORE BUT NOT THIS TIME, LITTLE GAL! I'LL PICK YOU UP AT EIGHT!

ALL RIGHT! I'LL BE READY!



NO GIRL WHO CAN DANCE LIKE THIS SHOULD SPEND HER EVENINGS AT HOME!

BUT I CAN'T BE UNTRUE TO JIM! ---



HAVE YOU DONE ANYTHING TO BE UNTRUE?

NO, LES! JIM WOULDN'T MIND MY BEING OUT WITH YOU!



THEN LET'S MAKE ANOTHER DATE FOR TOMORROW NIGHT! OKAY?

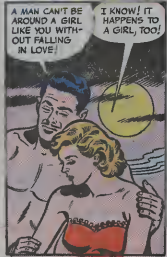
YES! THAT'LL BE OKAY!



LOVE CONFESSIONS



SO THAT'S THE WAY I STARTED GOING OUT WITH LES! IT SEEMED INNOCENT ENOUGH AT FIRST! BUT IT DIDN'T STAY THAT WAY! LES LIKED ME TOO MUCH AND I WAS HUNGRY FOR LOVE! ONE NIGHT...



WAS IT LES I WANTED? OR WAS IT LOVE? JIM HAD KISSED ME THIS WAY BEFORE... SO THAT A STRANGE WAVE OF WEAKNESS SEEMED TO OVER-TAKE ME! I COULDN'T RESIST BUT JIM'S FACE WAS IN MY MIND!



LOVE CONFESSIONS

LES GAVE ME THE ATTENTION AND AFFECTION THAT I LONGED FOR! JIM'S LETTERS TOLD ME THAT HE WAS FIGHTING AT THE FRONT! AND I WROTE HIM THAT I WAS BEING TRUE! HOW I LIED! THEN ONE NIGHT...



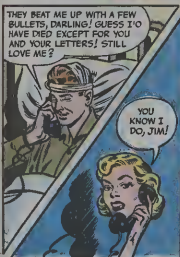
ALL SET TO GO OUT, HONEY?

WAIT TILL I GET THE PHONE!



JIM! WHERE ARE YOU?

JUST LANDED IN A HOSPITAL IN SAN FRANCISCO, SWEET-HEART! BUT THEY SAID I COULD CALL YOU!



THEY BEAT ME UP WITH A FEW BULLETS, DARLING! GUESS I'VE HAD TO DIE EXCEPT FOR YOU AND YOUR LETTERS! STILL LOVE ME?

YOU KNOW I DO, JIM!



THAT'S WHAT I'VE WANTED TO HEAR! I'M BEING SENT TO HOWARD HOSPITAL NEXT WEEK! I MAY NOT WALK FOR A WHILE BUT IF YOU'LL COME TO SEE ME---

YOU KNOW I WILL!

AS I PUT DOWN THE RECEIVER, MY HEART WAS POUNDING AND MY HEAD WAS SPINNING! I WAS IN LOVE WITH TWO MEN! LES AND JIM! I HAD TO HAVE TIME TO THINK!



I CAN'T GO WITH YOU TONIGHT, LES! JIM'S IN A HOSPITAL! HE ---

SO WHAT? YOU'RE IN LOVE WITH ME!



I DON'T KNOW! I'M CONFUSED!

THEN SO AM I! DO YOU WANT HIM OR ME?



PLEASE DON'T ASK ME RIGHT NOW! I HAVE TO THINK OF HIM!

YOU MIGHT GIVE A LITTLE THOUGHT TO ME, TOO! THINK IT OVER, HONEY, AND LET ME KNOW!

LOVE CONFESSIONS



MR. ANSELEY WAS SO HAPPY TO HEAR THAT JIM WAS BACK IN THE STATES THAT HE GAVE ME A LEAVE OF ABSENCE! I BELIEVE NOW THAT HE ALSO KNEW ABOUT LES AND ME! AND LES'S REPUTATION, I LATER LEARNED, WAS NOT GOOD! WHEN I WENT TO THE HOSPITAL...



BY THAT TIME, LES HAD ANOTHER GIRL! HE COULDN'T WAIT AS I HAD WAITED OR JIM HAD WAITED! AND THAT MADE MY DECISION EASY!



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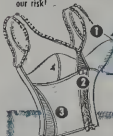
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Don't Gamble on Love

"FRANCIE, I'm repeating that Ed Bascom will never amount to anything," said my father sternly. We were in the midst of a disagreement that arose every time I had a date with Ed. I didn't even bother to reply to dad's last comment, before I flung out of the room and headed for the front door.

On the street, I walked hastily to our meeting place in the park. I was furious. Mother and dad had been hammering at me for months, ever since I'd first brought Ed home to meet them. They had been civil enough that first night, when Ed escorted me from the party where we'd met, but he no sooner said goodnight than my father turned on me. "I'd rather you didn't see any more of that young man, Francie." He spoke sharply and his tone startled me. He went on to say that Ed's reputation in our small city was anything but savory. "Oh, I don't mean he's a criminal," he continued, "but he makes his living by gambling and that can lead to other things." Then he said he didn't want his daughter to become entangled with such a person. I scoffed at his worries and said I'd probably never see Ed Bascom again. But in my heart, I hoped desperately that he had liked me enough to call for a date and when he did, my heart was on wings. At first my parents didn't know I was seeing him but when they found out, the arguments began.

In Ed's arms I was able to escape all the unpleasantness that brewed at home. He aroused in me yearnings I had never known and his kisses set me aflame with a breathless desire to be his and his alone. So when at last Ed mentioned marriage, I felt that my dreams would be fulfilled. "Just wait until I manage a few more deals, honey," he said as he crushed me to him. "Then we'll have a stake that will put us on easy street. We can go any place in the country, or out of it for that matter. Ours will be no ordinary marriage." At the time, with Ed's hungry lips on mine, I gave no thought to the implication of his words. But shortly thereafter when he told me he had one-third of the stake he had mentioned and it coincided with a newspaper story on an illegal game, I began to worry. Ed knew how my family felt but he shrugged it off. "Your dad makes his money in insurance. I make mine on the prowl. It's all business, Francie," he smiled. "Only mine pays off bigger and faster."

He made many plans for our married life, they included an expensive car and furs for me

and an endless round of travel and excitement. He thought of other married people with some scorn, pitying them the dull routine lives they led. Ed said our future was a glittering world of thrills. But as time went on, I began to wonder. My parents had suddenly withdrawn into a disturbing silence about my affair with Ed and Ed was in a fever of anticipation about the "one last deal" that would mean a fantastic amount of money for us. He didn't tell me any of the details, but I started to worry when he let a name slip and it rang a bell in my memory. It was the name of an infamous racketeer in a nearby big city, and he was to mastermind this last big game. It upset me to think that my future should depend on such a man and I said so to Ed. He laughed off my worries. For the first time in our association I became angry with him and said things I didn't know I felt. I told him I didn't want our marriage to be different from others, that I wanted to settle down and not flit around the world, my life depending on the turn of a card or a toss of the dice.

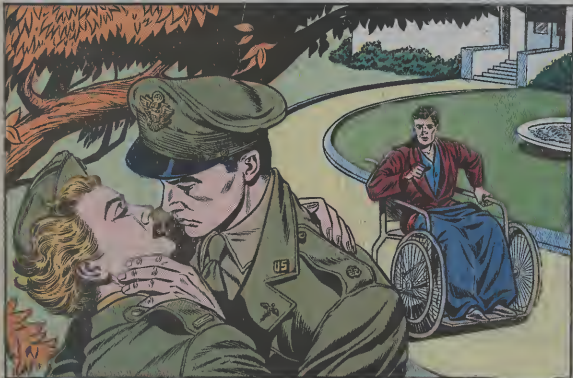
Ed let me continue my tirade, then he swept me into his arms. "I promise that this will be the last game, Francie," he murmured. "And our marriage will be just as you want it." His words soothed me and when he returned from the big game days later, with more money than I had ever dreamed of, I brushed aside my fears and looked to the future with shining eyes. Later he showed me the tickets to Paris and told me about the lengthy trips he had planned for us. I listened in stunned silence, recalling his promise that our married life would be normal. I started to protest, but Ed couldn't wait to hear me out, he had just one more little game he had to take part in. During the lonely evening that followed, I did a lot of thinking. Ed's promise to quit gambling meant nothing to him and I realized fully that he had no intention of giving up his original plans as he knew I wished.

I made a hard decision that night, but at last I know it's the right one. Ed didn't take me seriously when I said it was all off between us, but he did continue his gambling and now he's behind bars after being caught in a shady blackmail set-up. His gambling led to other things as my dad said, so long ago. It's hard to forget the infatuation I mistook for love, but now I realize that everything that's good must be built on honesty, and I'm facing a bright new world with that in mind!

LOVE CONFESSIONS

I LIVED FOR FLATTERY AND THE INTOXICATING EFFECT MY BEAUTY HAD ON MEN! EVEN AFTER I FELL IN LOVE WITH MICHAEL HARTLEY AND PROMISED TO MARRY HIM, I WENT OUT OF MY WAY TO REAP COMPLIMENTS! NOT UNTIL I HAD WRECKED THREE LIVES DID I REALIZE THE SERIOUSNESS OF...

MY *Tragic* FLIRTATION



MAJOR HARTLEY WAS A STAFF DOCTOR AT THE ARMY HOSPITAL WHERE I WORKED AS A NURSE!

I CAN'T WAIT UNTIL WE'RE MARRIED AND YOU'VE SWAPPED YOUR UNIFORM FOR A FRILLY HOUSEDRESS SHELLEY! HAVING YOU AROUND THE HOSPITAL IS OSTRACISM!

TO THE PATIENTS, MICHAEL, OR TO YOU?

I CAN'T SPEAK FOR THE PATIENTS, DARLING, BUT I KNOW IT DRIVES ME WILD TO HAVE YOU SO CLOSE TO ME AND NOT BE ABLE TO TAKE YOU IN MY ARMS!

WE'RE GOING TO BE MARRIED AS SOON AS YOUR TRANSFER COMES THROUGH, AREN'T WE? AND MEANWHILE WE HAVE MOMENTS LIKE -- THIS ONE!



LOVE CONFESSIONS

YOU'RE TOO BEAUTIFUL, SHELLEY! YOU WERE MEANT TO BE LOVED AND I'LL NEVER BELIEVE YOU'VE CHOSEN ME!

I WONDER IF I'LL EVER TIRE OF HEARING YOU SAY THAT, DARLING? IT MEANS SO MUCH TO ME TO KNOW I'M DESIRABLE TO YOU!

YES, MY VANITY DEMANDED THAT I BE PLACED UPON A PEDESTAL AND WORSHIPPED! BUT I DIDN'T CONFINE THAT DESIRE TO MICHAEL! I WANTED FLATTERY EVEN FROM MEN I DIDN'T LOVE.. MEN LIKE PRIVATE RICHARD SIMMS!

YOU'RE LOOKING MORE BEAUTIFUL EVERY DAY, SHELLEY! I'LL ALMOST HATE TO LEAVE THE HOSPITAL!

BUT JUST THINK HOW WONDERFUL IT'S GOING TO BE! AREN'T YOU ANXIOUS TO START GOING OUT ON DATES?

I MIGHT, IF I HAD A GIRL! A GIRL LIKE YOU!

DO YOU REALLY MEAN THAT? I NEVER EVEN THOUGHT YOU HAD NOTICED ME!



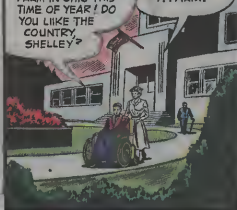
I MIGHT HAVE BEEN HALF-DEAD FROM SHOCK AND SHRAPNEL WHEN THEY BROUGHT ME IN HERE, BUT I HAVEN'T BEEN TOO SICK TO KNOW YOU'RE BEAUTIFUL! YOU'RE MY KIND OF A GIRL, TOO! SWEET AND SYMPATHETIC!

THAT'S AWFULLY KIND OF YOU, RICHARD! THANKS!

PROVOCATIVE POSES, FLIRTATEOUS WORDS! THEY CAME TO ME AUTOMATICALLY, AND IT WAS FUN TO HEAR RICHARD'S COMPLIMENTS! IT DIDN'T OCCUR TO ME THEN THAT HE WAS TAKING IT ALL SERIOUSLY AND BUILDING HIS FUTURE PLANS AROUND ME! BUT ONE DAY...

IT'S BEAUTIFUL HERE, BUT YOU OUGHT TO BE ON MY FOLKS' FARM IN OHIO THIS TIME OF YEAR! DO YOU LIKE THE COUNTRY, SHELLEY?

I DON'T KNOW! I'VE NEVER LIVED ON A FARM!

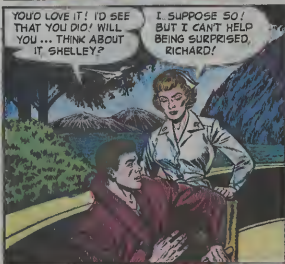


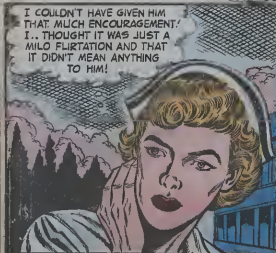
YOU'D LOVE IT! I'D SEE THAT YOU DID! WILL YOU ... THINK ABOUT IT SHELLEY?

I SUPPOSE SO! BUT I CAN'T HELP BEING SURPRISED, RICHARD!

WHY? YOU KNOW THAT I'M IN LOVE WITH YOU! AND YOU'VE GIVEN ME EVERY REASON TO BELIEVE THAT YOU FEEL THE SAME WAY ABOUT ME!

ER... I'M OUT IN THE LAB NOW, RICHARD! WE'LL... TALK ABOUT IT SOME OTHER TIME!





I COULDN'T HAVE GIVEN HIM THAT MUCH ENCOURAGEMENT! I.. THOUGHT IT WAS JUST A MILO FLIRTATION AND THAT IT DIDN'T MEAN ANYTHING TO HIM!



BUT HE'S SERIOUS! HE'S PLANNING TO MARRY ME! I'VE GOT TO DISCOURAGE HIM SOMEHOW! AND EVEN THAT MIGHT BE DANGEROUS NOW!

I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN THAT A LONELY BOY WHOSE WHOLE WORLD FOR MONTHS HAD BEEN THAT DRAB HOSPITAL ROOM, WOULD MAKE THE MOST OF THE THOUGHTLESS ENCOURAGEMENT I HAD GIVEN HIM! THAT NIGHT..

MICHAEL .. TELL ME SOMETHING! SUPPOSE A PERSON WAS RECOVERING FROM SEVERE SHOCK! SUPPOSE HE WAS ALMOST WELL AND READY TO LEAVE THE HOSPITAL!

YES, DEAR?



WOULD A BIG DISAPPOINTMENT BE HARMFUL TO HIM? I MEAN IF HE HAD BUILT HIS HOPES AROUND SOMETHING AND THEN ALL THE PLANS FELL APART?

OF COURSE, SHELLEY! YOU KNOW THAT! A BIG DISAPPOINTMENT MIGHT BE TERRIBLY SERIOUS! WHY DO YOU ASK?



OH... JUST CURIOSITY! ONE OF THE NURSES AND I WERE DISCUSSING A CASE SOME TIME AGO!

OH, GOOD! FOR A MOMENT I WAS AFRAID ONE OF YOUR BOYS HAD DEVELOPED A CRUSH ON YOU!

CAUGHT IN THE TRAP I HAD SET FOR MYSELF, I DID MY BEST TO AVOID RICHARD DURING THE NEXT FEW DAYS! AND I WAS GREATLY RELIEVED WHEN I RETURNED TO WORK AFTER A WEEKEND VACATION TO LEARN THAT HE HAD BEEN RELEASED FROM THE HOSPITAL!

YES, PRIVATE SIMMS LEFT US SATURDAY! IT CERTAINLY WAS A PLEASURE TO SEE HIM LEAVING IN SUCH GOOD HEALTH AND SPIRITS!

HE'S GONE BACK TO THE FARM! IN A FEW WEEKS WE'LL HAVE FORGOTTEN ALL ABOUT ME!

I WAS LUCKY THIS TIME, BUT I'LL KNOW BETTER THAN TO CARRY ON A FLIRTATION AGAIN! FOR AWHILE THERE I WAS AFRAID TO HAVE TO HURT RICHARD!





THAT MUST BE MICHAEL AND I'M NOWHERE NEAR READY FOR OUR DATE! OH WELL, HE'LL HAVE TO WAIT A FEW MINUTES!



RICHARD!

DON'T LOOK SO SURPRISED HONEY! YOU DIDN'T THINK I'D GO AWAY WITHOUT SEEING YOU DID YOU? GOSH, I SPENT ALL WEEKEND PHONING YOU HERE!



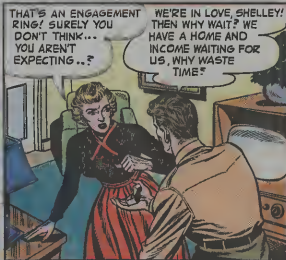
I WAS STAYING WITH FRIENDS IN THE COUNTRY! ER... COME IN, WON'T YOU?

GETTING IN PRACTICE TO BE A COUNTRY GIRL, EH? THAT'S GREAT BECAUSE I'VE ALREADY WIRED MY FOLKS TO EXPECT A SURPRISE!



RICHARD, THERE'S SOMETHING I'VE GOT TO TELL YOU! I ...

WAIT, SHELLEY! LET ME TALK FIRST! I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR THIS SO LONG THAT I'VE JUST GOT TO TELL YOU ... AND SHOW YOU THIS!



THAT'S AN ENGAGEMENT RING! SURELY YOU DON'T THINK... YOU AREN'T EXPECTING...?

WE'RE IN LOVE, SHELLEY! THEN WHY WAIT? WE HAVE A HOME AND INCOME WAITING FOR US, WHY WASTE TIME?



I'VE WANTED YOU SO DESPERATELY ALL THESE MONTHS! I'M CRAZY ABOUT YOU, DARLING! YOU'VE GOT TO MARRY ME ... NOW!

RICHARD, PLEASE! PLEASE DON'T!

I WANTED TO CRY WITH SHAME FOR WHAT I HAD DONE TO RICHARD! THERE WAS NO QUESTION IN HIS MIND THAT I LOVED HIM AND I HATED MYSELF FOR LETTING HIM BELIEVE THAT! AND THEN WHAT I FEARED MOST HAPPENED!



WAIT, RICHARD! I'VE GOT... TO SEE WHO'S AT THE DOOR!

GET RID OF WHOEVER IT IS IN A HURRY, ANGEL! WE'VE GOT A LOT OF PLANNING TO DO!

LOVE CONFESSIONS

MICHAEL DIDN'T EVEN NOTICE THAT WE WEREN'T ALONE! HE WAS TOO EXCITED AS HE BURST INTO THE ROOM!

IT'S ALL SET, SHELLEY! MY TRANSFER TO REESE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL JUST CAME THROUGH! START PACKING!

ER... THAT'S... WONDERFUL, MICHAEL!

WE'LL DO JUST WHAT WE PLANNED! GET MARRIED HERE IN TOWN, TAKE OUR HONEYMOON ON THE WAY TO THE WEST COAST AND... HELLO L--

YOU KNEW THIS SHELLEY! YOU KNEW THIS ALL THE TIME!

WHAT'S HE TALKING ABOUT, DEAR?

YOU NEVER LOVED ME! IT MUST HAVE BEEN A GREAT JOKE TO LEAD ME ON... A GREAT BIG JOKE!



WELL, WHY DON'T YOU LAUGH? GO ON, BOTH OF YOU LAUGH! HA! HA! I MUST BE A HYSTERICALLY FUNNY SIGHT, STANDING HERE WITH A RING IN MY HAND!

RICHARD, PLEASE TRY TO UNDERSTAND! I DIDN'T KNOW HOW YOU FELT!

NO! HA! HA! YOU DIDN'T KNOW WHAT YOU WERE DOING! EVERYTIME YOU CAME NEAR ME, EVERY WORD YOU SAID TO ME WAS PLANNED! SOB! BIG, BIG JOKE... UH..

HE'S FAINTED! WE'VE GOT TO GET HIM BACK TO THE HOSPITAL!



IT WAS A HORRIBLE SIGHT WATCHING RICHARD GO TO PIECES, KNOWING THAT I WAS TO BLAME! HE WAS IN A STATE OF COLLAPSE WHEN MICHAEL LEFT HIS ROOM AT THE HOSPITAL!

MICHAEL...? HOW IS HE?

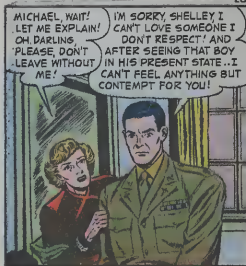
BACK WHERE HE WAS WHEN HE CAME TO THIS PLACE, THANKS TO YOU!



BUT I DIDN'T KNOW HE WAS TAKING ME SERIOUSLY! IT WAS JUST... ONE OF THOSE THINGS!

YOU LIKED TO BE PLACED ON A PEDESTAL, DIDN'T YOU? YOU LIKED FLATTERY AND YOU DIDN'T CARE HOW YOU GOT IT! WELL, I HOPE YOU'RE SATISFIED!





MICHAEL, WAIT!
LET ME EXPLAIN!
OH, DARLINS,
PLEASE, DON'T
LEAVE WITHOUT
ME!

I'M SORRY, SHELLEY, I
CAN'T LOVE SOMEONE I
DON'T RESPECT! AND
AFTER SEEING THAT BOY
IN HIS PRESENT STATE... I
CAN'T FEEL ANYTHING BUT
CONTEMPT FOR YOU!

MICHAEL LEFT
FOR HIS NEW
ASSIGNMENT
THE NEXT DAY,
LEAVING ME
WITH A
BROKEN HEART
AND, WORSE,
WITH A
TORTURED
CONSCIENCE!
FOR I
REMAINED AT
THE HOSPITAL
TO WATCH
RICHARD'S
SECOND FIGHT
FOR HEALTH!

I WAS SO HAPPY
TO SEE THAT BOY
GOING HOME TO
HIS FAMILY! AND
NOW HE'S BACK
FOR HEAVEN,
KNOWS HOW
LONG!

IT'S PATHETIC! BUT
I GUESS WE KNOW
WHO'S TO BLAME,
EVEN THOUGH HE'S
BEEN TOO SHOCKED
TO TALK ABOUT IT!



THEY'RE RIGHT AND I CAN'T
DENY IT! BUT I WONDER IF
THEY KNOW THE PRICE I PAID
FOR HURTING RICHARD! ALL I
CAN DO NOW IS STAY OUT
OF HIS WAY AND NOT
UPSET HIM!

BUT THOUGH I AVOIDED RICHARD,
AS HIS CONDITION SLOWLY IM-
PROVED, I OFTEN NOTICED HIM
STARING AT ME!

I ONLY HOPE HE ISN'T
STILL BUILDING UP ROMANTIC
DAYDREAMS ABOUT ME!
MAYBE I'D BETTER GO AWAY
SO THAT HE CAN FORGET ME
SOONER!



BUT ONE DAY, MONTHS LATER..

MICHAEL!
YOU...
YOU'VE
COME
BACK!

I FELT LIKE A HEEL
AFTER I GOT THAT
LETTER FROM PRIVATE
SIMMS! HE TOLD ME
HE'D BEEN A FOOL TO
THINK YOU LOVED HIM!
HE ADMITTED IT WAS
ALL IN HIS IMAGINATION!



AND HE'S LEAVING
FOR HOME TOMORROW!
SHELLEY... LET'S CELE-
BRATE BY TAKING UP
WHERE WE LEFT OFF!
AND FORGIVE ME, DEAR,
FOR NOT TRUSTING
YOU!

SO THAT'S WHY
RICHARD KEPT
WATCHING ME! HE SAW I WAS
MISERABLE
AND HE WANTED
TO HELP
ME!

AS MICHAEL
TOOK ME IN
HIS ARMS, I
SAW THE
SHADOWY FIG-
URE OF RICHARD
AT HIS WINDOW!
HE HAD TOLD
A WHITE LIE
TO SEE ME
HAPPY, AND
I PRAYED
THAT SOMEDAY
HIS SACRIFICE
WOULD BE
REWARDED
BY THE LOVE
OF A GIRL
WHO WAS
WORTHY
OF HIM!

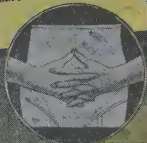


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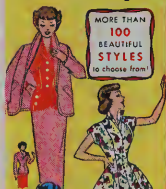
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